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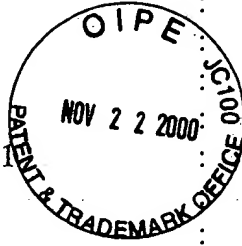
In re Reissue Application of:

Ryota AKIYAMA et al.

Reissue of Patent No.: 5,812,661

Issued: September 22, 1998

For: SOFTWARE REPRODUCTION APPARATUS



Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

We, Ryota AKIYAMA and Makoto YOSHIOKA, declare that:

1. Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our respective names.

2. We believe we are the original, first inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,812,661 ("the '661 patent") issued on September 22, 1998, and for which invention we solicit a reissue patent on the invention entitled SOFTWARE REPRODUCTION APPARATUS, the specification of which is attached hereto.

3. We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended in the attached reissue application.

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4. We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

5. We hereby claim foreign priority benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119, of Japanese Patent Application No. 6-219364, filed August 10, 1994. There are no other foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before Japanese Patent Application Number 6-219364 on which priority is claimed.

6. We believe the original '661 patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of claiming more or less than we had the right to claim in the patent.

7. With respect to broadening the claims, an error being relied upon as the basis for the reissue is that each of allowed claims 1-7 recite an "input switchover means" and an "output switchover means." Applicants submit that the detailed recitation of the "input switchover means" and the "output switchover means" in all the claims too narrowly defines the scope of the invention.

8. All errors being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of filing of this reissue declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicants.

9. We hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith.

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10. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true, that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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